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Applicant : Quertermous et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to a non-final office action of 08/16/2004, Applicants respectfully request consideration of amendments and arguments in the present response. Applicants petition for a 2 month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(b) for the present submission and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such extension fees and any other fees that may be due or to credit any overcharges to Deposit Account 50-1922. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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